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Winning weekend
for local
teams

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New attractions will make Extravaganza biggest, best ever

Downtown Elk Point is a beehive of activity this week, as merchants, volunteer groups and the Chamber of Commerce put the finishing touches on plans for the biggest and best-ever Christmas Extravaganza, slated for Friday, November 29 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

New members on the Chamber's Extravaganza Committee this year have brought new ideas and new enthusiasm, and everyone is going all out to do just what Chamber president Glenn Harms has been urging for years: "If it's going to be an Extravaganza, we've got to make it truly extravagant."

The setting is becoming more extravagant every day, as the businesses complete elaborate window decorations and deck their premises with rows of icicle lights, and the Town crew festoons the giant Christmas trees at the south end of Main Street.

This year, Extravaganza will kick off with the community's first-ever Winter Wonderland Parade at 6 p.m., complete with light-decked floats, horse-drawn wagons and Santa Claus, who is coming to town just for the occasion. The parade is forming up in the parking area between Ace Pizza and Tags Food and Gas, and businesses and community groups are welcome to join in this festive display.

And that's just the beginning for a night which will feature stage entertainment and strolling carolers, horse-drawn hayrides, mini-train rides for the preschoolers, photos with Santa, free hot chocolate and a giant bonfire on Main Street.

Entertainment will include Homer Poitras and his band, Native dancers, the locally-based Vision 27 teen band, and vocalist Sue Bartholomew, with confirmations still arriving.

Two horse-drawn wagons will take passengers for a festive tour of the downtown area, and Ollie Fedorus will bring

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GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS - Elf Andrea adds another handcrafted ornament to a tree decked with candy cane horses, tiny stockings, mittens and crochet animals at F.G. Miller High School's annual craft sale and book fair on Saturday.

■ Up Front

Arena Operating Committee to host 2003 trade show

The A. G. Ross Arena Operating Committee brought exciting news to last Wednesday's Elk Point Chamber of Commerce meeting. Lana MacDonald told the Chamber the Committee will be hosting a trade show from April 11 to 13, 2003.

Exhibits will range from those brought in by oilfield-related busi-

nesses to those pertaining to homes, garden, sports and leisure, with a special low-cost section set aside for area craftspeople.

Activities will range from a social for show exhibitors to a weekend-long lineup of entertainment, and the AOC also hopes to have an art show, displays and demonstrations, as well

as some exciting prize draws. Clubs and organizations are being invited to take part in the weekend.

News of the show has been met with enthusiasm, and leads the AOC to anticipate overwhelming support from the community as a whole.

The Chamber moved to support the show, and emphasized that it is

very important to get local involvement, with local businesses taking part as exhibitors and also among those offering demonstrations, if possible.

Registration packages are now being distributed, and crafters are already being contacted in preparation for the show.

Charges laid after fatal rollover near Whitney Lake



CLEAN-UP CREWS were on the scene of Friday night's rollover on Saturday, gathering up a black ribbon of crude oil which threatened the nearby lake.

A Saskatchewan truck driver is dead and a Fishing Lake man is facing multiple charges after a crash on Highway 646 Friday night.

Michael Oryniak died en route to hospital after his oil tanker rolled into a ditch near Whitney Lake campground. The 49-year-old Regina man had swerved to avoid a car which made a wide eastbound turn out of Range Road 44, and was thrown from the truck when it rolled.

The driver of the car fled the crash scene on foot, leaving his two passengers behind, but surrendered to police on Saturday.

Malcolm Gerald Deschamps, 34, of Fishing Lake, has been remanded in custody to appear in St. Paul Provincial Court on December 5, 2002. Deschamps is charged with impaired operation causing death, impaired operation causing bodily

harm, dangerous driving causing death, dangerous driving causing bodily harm, driving while disqualified, failing to remain at the scene of an accident, criminal negligence causing bodily harm and criminal negligence causing death. The bodily harm charges relate to a passenger in the Deschamps vehicle who received head injuries. He was transported to Elk Point Health Centre by ambulance for treatment and has since been released. A second passenger was uninjured.

Efforts are still ongoing to clean up a substantial quantity of crude oil which escaped from the ruptured tanker after the crash. Local oilfield companies and the Elk Point Fire Department were quick to respond and help control environmental damage to the area and the nearby Provincial Park.

community NEWS

No parking on parade route

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce's Extravaganza Committee is asking community residents for their cooperation in clearing Main Street of vehicles for the Winter Wonderland Parade and other Extravaganza events.

The Chamber is asking that there be no parking on 50th Street between 51 Avenue and Railway Avenue between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday. This will give everyone a chance to view the parade at 6 p.m. and make the street safer for those enjoying the hayrides, kiddies' train ride, bonfire and other events throughout the evening.

Please do your part to help the Chamber make this event a success.

CRIME STOPPERS

On November 29, 2002 Elk Point RCMP received a complaint of a stolen vehicle.

Between 6:30 p.m. on November 19 and 6:30 a.m. on November 20, a blue 1983 Dodge 4x4 with a flat deck hauling a white 300 gallon water tank was stolen from a rural residence approximately two miles northeast of Elk Point. Neighbors saw the vehicle heading south toward Highway 646 around 9:30 p.m. on November 19.

Elk Point RCMP are requesting public assistance in locating the person or persons responsible for this theft. If you know who might be responsible for the theft, please contact the Elk Point RCMP at (780) 724-3964 or your nearest police agency. Anyone found in possession of these stolen items will be charged under the Criminal Code of Canada for possessing stolen property.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this or any other crime. You do not have to reveal your identity and if your tip leads to an arrest, you qualify for an award.



ALBERTA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION 2002/2003

You are invited to participate in shaping the electoral map of the province.

The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission will make its final recommendations to the Legislative Assembly on boundaries and names for Alberta's 83 electoral divisions, based on the latest census information. The Commission will continue its consultation with the public and then issue its final report in March of 2003.

The Commission will meet with interested Albertans on:

Tuesday, December 17, 2002

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.,

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Individuals and groups are encouraged to share their ideas for proposed changes to Alberta's electoral map by making a presentation to the Commission. If you would like to make a presentation to the Commission please register by phone, fax or e-mail as soon as possible.

For further information or to register please contact the office of the Electoral Boundaries Commission, 100, 11510 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5 Telephone: (780) 427-8779, Fax: (780) 422-2900, email: altaebc@shaw.ca. Telephone calls and faxes can be made toll free by dialing 310-0000 then the number above.

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
Robert C. Clark, Chair
Glenn Clegg, Doug Graham, Bauni Mackay, Ernie Patterson

Chamber disenchanted with Kyoto

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Glenn Harms gave members a rundown on the Kyoto Protocol at last Wednesday's meeting, and the mood was one of disenchantment.

"This would virtually cripple Alberta's economy," Harms said. "Signing it would be economic suicide." The president acknowledged that "we know we have to [reduce emissions] but we want to take our

time, and we don't want to destroy ourselves to do it." He predicted that forcing Alberta to become part of the Protocol could bring about "a constitutional legal battle of enormous proportions."

Chamber secretary Suzan Bartholomew felt the Protocol would result in "shutting down the west."

A provincial government document explaining "Why Alberta opposes the Kyoto Protocol" was summarized by Harms.

The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement under the United Nations created in 1997 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in developed countries of the world, with a goal of reducing these emissions to an average of 5.2% below 1990 levels by 2012. Countries generally agree, as do all Canadian provinces, that the goal of reducing emissions is desirable.

However, details such as implementation time frames and the relatively small number of countries which actually have to make emission reductions are causing disputes.

Sixty five percent of all greenhouse gas emissions come from major producers that have chosen not to ratify the protocol, including China, India, Mexico and the USA. None of the OPEC countries are considering reductions under the agreement. Canada has not yet ratified the Protocol, but proposes to put it to a vote of Parliament prior to the end of this year. If Canada agrees, it will be the only country in the western hemisphere committed to targets under Kyoto.

The US, which accounts for 80% of Canada's export trade, is opposed to Kyoto because of the negative economic impact they feel it would have on

their country, and believe that the targets are impossible to meet in a realistic time frame. The US is also concerned that only developed countries would be carrying the burden of emission reductions while developing countries would be unaffected.

Canada contributes only 2% to the world's greenhouse gas, but will be heavily effected because of fossil fuel production. Alberta will bear the brunt because of the production of energy and the use of coal to produce electricity.

The Alberta government's alternative to the Protocol includes plans to work with industry to set aggressively set emission targets and strategies to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and to focus research on technology that will create cleaner energy production.

Hockey equipment found

Elk Point RCMP currently have a bag of men's hockey equipment and a hockey stick which were found in an abandoned vehicle in Frog Lake. The owner may claim these items by identifying the equipment at the Elk Point RCMP Detachment.

Extravaganza biggest, best ever

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his miniature train - a big hit on Canada Day - downtown to take the preschoolers for a free ride.

Santa will be parking his sleigh in the Plaza 75 Mall between Home Town Grocers and Footprints, and will be ready to hear all those Christmas wishes from 7 to 9 p.m. Photos with Santa will be available for \$3 each.

The F. G. Miller Enterprise and Innovation Class will be serving up hot chocolate, courtesy of the Chamber, and selling hot dogs at a nominal fee in the lobby of the Servus Credit Union.

A number of community groups are joining in the fun, including the Elk Point and District Lions Club with a spin-and-win wheel as well as their popular community Christmas card, the Elk Point Community Lions (formerly Lioness) with their Trip-of-the-Month Club tickets, the Elk Point Trailriders Snowmobile Club with their raffle tickets, and of course the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department, who will be taking care of the big bonfire.

Purchases at participating businesses will give shoppers a chance to win bigger than ever. This year, the Chamber is offering a really big prize: a 52" pro-

jection television, which along with subsidiary prizes of a DVD player and a cellular phone, will be drawn for at 10 p.m., just before the evening ends with a fabulous fireworks display at the south end of town. Many businesses are also offering in-store draws, and 50/50 tickets sold downtown throughout the evening will give purchasers a chance to win some Christmas cash.

The Chamber is expecting a record number of visitors to come to Elk Point for this year's Extravaganza, to help get the Christmas season off to a truly exciting start.



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community **NEWS****Crafts, books vie for shoppers' attention at FGM**

A BOUNTY OF BOOKS for all ages (above) vied with a great selection of crafts large and small for shoppers' attention at F. G. Miller High School on Saturday. At left, Bev Bepalko proudly displays her carefully crafted wooden trunks and key cupboards, while at right, Carol Hellquist offers antique household tools embellished with eye-catching artwork.

**Tree of Hope supports Palliative Care program in Elk Point**

By Jean McGinnis
Review Contributor

This volunteer organization has continued to make progress since the group was formed in October 1994. Top priority was the opening and furnishing of the Palliative Care Room.

Further Ed upcoming classes

Dream Power - Learn more about your dreams on Wednesday, December 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with instructor Terri Ehlert.

Scrapbooking is a rapidly growing hobby, and we have formed a Scrapbooking Club which will meet on the third Monday of each month to share ideas. Next meeting will be December 13, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

For more information on the courses and fees, or to register, call Verona Lea at 724-4101.

This was followed shortly after by the addition of another room, allotted by the Elk Point Health Centre. Families are now able to enjoy a sitting room as well as the patient room. This suite of rooms is furnished and maintained solely by community donations (corporate, family

memorial and organizations) which includes the "Tree of Hope" donations.

These rooms are provided free of charge to families who want to stay with critically ill family members. It is a "home away from home", equipped with phone, fridge, microwave, dishes, toaster,

etc., also extra sleeping accommodation.

It is nearly Christmas time again, and time for another "Tree of Hope" campaign. Please remember loved ones by buying a light to shine in their memory. The 2001 campaign brought in a generous \$1260 for the Palliative Care Fund.

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Tuesday, December 3, 2002

7:30 pm

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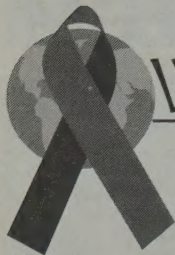
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review **VIEWPOINTS**



WORLD AIDS DAY
DECEMBER 1

■ Proclamation

**Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week
World AIDS Day
November 24 - December 1, 2002**

WHEREAS the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that more than 40 million people are infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) world -wide,

WHEREAS UNAIDS has called upon governments, organizations and individuals to recognize the week of November 24 to December 1, 2002 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day with the theme "Stigma and Discrimination, the goals of which are:

- to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, challenge discrimination towards those affected or infected with HIV/AIDS,
- to challenge stigma and discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity and race as it relates to HIV/AIDS, and
- to promote and support HIV prevention efforts,

WHEREAS Health Canada estimates that almost 50,000 Canadians are currently living with HIV/AIDS and 15,000 Canadians are unaware they are infected,

WHEREAS the number of Canadians living with HIV/AIDS continues to increase with approximately 4200 new infections each year,

WHEREAS in the absence of a cure or vaccine, education is our only defense against HIV/AIDS, and

WHEREAS Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day offer an opportunity to enhance tolerance and understanding while communicating prevention information about the epidemic,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Lyle Frisby, do hereby proclaim November 24 to December 1, 2002 Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and December 1, 2002 World AIDS Day for the Town of Elk Point.

■ Looking Back

The life of the farm

By Joy L. Magnusson
Review Contributor

Many years ago, in what seems like another world, a man and a woman bought a piece of land. It was undeveloped and thick with trees and murky swamp, but they had a vision.

They weren't a wealthy couple. They were the parents of two girls and three boys, and they had spent many years honing their skills as farmers.

They managed to acquire the equipment they needed, and together, they began to clear the land. They took a plot of unfarmed land and turned it into grazing pastures for livestock and fields for crops.

They got a little wooden house from his parents, and turned it into a lovely home for their family.

And the life of the farm began.

Days passed into months, and now more than 50 years have passed since the couple began living on that land.

All of the children have grown up and had children and had grandchildren of their own. The little house eventually gave way to a bigger, stronger house.

When the man passed away, the woman alone remained on her land. Although she had to sell the property to a younger farmer, she remained in the house, tending to the garden, and it always felt like the farm was

hers.

Then she started to entertain thoughts of leaving, and taking a smaller place in town.

Her family knew the move would be necessary, and yet it saddened them, for this farm has been a big part of the best times of their lives.



As the woman and her family look around the farm, they see Thanksgivings spent playing in huge piles of crisp leaves, and Christmases spent cross-country skiing, sledding, or stomping out messages and pictures in fresh, white snowbanks. They remember nights spent gazing at an awesome, boundless sea of stars, breathtaking in their brightness. They look back on evenings spent laughing and talking around a huge, warm bonfire, popping and snap-

ping in the field. They sigh over hours spent singing to homemade music, and chuckle over long-finished games of baseball and hide-and-seek. They dream about quiet moments spent playing board games or cards, looking at old photographs, or just talking. They thrill over the memory of approaching the house after a day's travel, smelling the delicious aromas from the kitchen, and knowing their bellies would soon be filled with hot, home-cooked food. They escape to memories of lazy, hot summer days, the cool grass under their bare feet, the smell of wildflowers thick in the air, the old wooden swing creaking under the weight of giggling children, and not a care in the world.

When the time came for the woman to leave, the family had to say good-bye to the farm forever.

They are comforted, however, because they know that no matter where they go, or what they do, there will always be a far, deep in the heart of Alberta, that holds a part of the man, the woman, and everyone who loves them.

It will forever be their farm.

Editor's Note - Joy L. Magnusson is the granddaughter of longtime Review columnist Irene Magnusson, and had undoubtedly inherited her grandmother's writing talent. We are happy to share her words with our readers.

Violence can be replaced

All of November has been Family Violence Prevention Month. Thus, during this month you have been able to read information and thoughts on this topic in this paper. I would like to suggest we close this month on the focal point of replacing violence by the simple act of showing gratitude.

Perhaps you have all heard the story, and it is just a story, of the insensitive man who held two season tickets to the basketball games at the local university. His wife died and a day or two later, he went to the game. The seat previously occupied by his wife was empty. Someone said, "Those seats of yours must be very expensive. Couldn't you find a member of the family to come and sit in your wife's seat?" The man answered, "No, they couldn't come. They've all gone to her funeral."

Now that was just a story and I do not know of any person who would have done something like that, but, is there a chance that sometimes we may get far too engrossed in the apparent importance of our own activities and relegate the less visible contributions of our

spouse? Sometimes our spouse may serve us very quietly and effectively, often unnoticed, unrecognized and



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unappreciated. The question can then be asked: "Are we aware of what our spouse does for us and if so, do we show recognition by showing gratitude?"

Family violence may occur when we feel we have been "wronged" and thus the "service" of our spouse to us is not acceptable to us. When family violence occurs, it can be concluded that there was no gratitude thought of to be displayed.

Thomas S. Monson is quoted as saying: "Think to thank. In these three words are the finest capsule course for a happy marriage, a formula for endearing friendship, and a pattern for personal happiness."

James E. Faust is quoted as saying, "The Great Depression in the United

States in the early 'thirties was a terrible schoolmaster. We had to learn provident living in order to survive. Rather than create in us a spirit of envy or anger for what we did not have, it developed in many a spirit of gratitude for the meager, simple things with which we were blessed, like hot, homemade bread and oatmeal cereal and many other things."

The 'thirties were a teacher for our parents and grandparents, so maybe the drought and downturn in economy can be a teacher for us. Rather than expressing envy or anger and exhibiting this in family violence, maybe we can learn to be grateful for all the little acts of kindness that occurs in our families as displayed by our spouses. Family violence will then be replaced.

In conclusion, here is a little joke: "Why are giraffes so slow to apologize? ... It takes them a long time to swallow their pride!" ... So don't be like the giraffe - begin today, apologize and show gratitude to your spouse. Let us all work at replacing family violence.

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Protecting caribou habitat in Alberta's boreal forest



WOODLAND CARIBOU, THE SHY ANIMALS of the boreal forest that Aboriginal people once called "grey ghosts," are getting a helping hand from the oil and natural gas industry.

A \$1.6 million study to better understand caribou has revealed that the access roads and seismic lines required for development change the caribou's travel patterns, making it easier for predators to kill them. Such science-based knowledge is important because caribou are on Alberta's threatened species list.

With new funding — provided by industry's Environmental Research Advisory Council, the West Central Producers Group, forestry companies, government, and the University of Alberta — old seismic lines are being reforested to resemble original caribou habitat.

Sarah Boyle, an environmental advisor with Devon Canada, an oil and gas company, says it will likely take from three to five years to assess the effectiveness of the pilot project. "If revegetation and reforestation of unused seismic lines can be shown to have a positive effect on the recovery of caribou populations, this project may well serve as a new model for all of industry to follow." In the meantime, companies are moving to the use of far narrower seismic lines to greatly reduce any disturbed area.

Understanding the needs of the caribou and protecting their habitat is one example of industry's efforts to respect the environment while meeting the demand for oil, gas and forest products.

Fishing for answers

ANCIENT TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND western science have joined forces in Fort McMurray to unravel the mystery of where the fish go in winter.

Aboriginal people in communities like Fort McKay and Fort Chipewyan depend on fish, as they have for thousands of years. That is why it is important to understand the habitat needs of pickerel, walleye, and other fish.

The Cumulative Environmental Management Association (CEMA), which strives to manage the long-term effects of industrial activity in northeastern Alberta, is supplementing western science with insight gained from Aboriginal oral traditions. CEMA is comprised of over 40 groups including industry, government, First Nations, and environmental organizations. The fish study, which will seek ways

to protect fish in the Athabasca River, is just one of many environmental projects that CEMA has sponsored since it started in June 2000.

"CEMA is about bringing everyone together to work collaboratively toward a clean and safe environment," says Dan Smith, CEMA Vice-President and member of the Fort McMurray Environmental Association. "We want to assure residents of northeastern Alberta that a high quality environment will be maintained in the region, despite increased industrial development. Everyone in the region has an interest in making sure the air is safe to breathe, the water is safe to drink, and the fish are safe to eat."

Industry believes that by asking the right questions, CEMA is moving in the right direction.



Industry continues to surpass gas flaring targets

ALBERTA'S SKIES ARE DARKER AT NIGHT and the air is cleaner because the oil and natural gas industry continues to reduce solution gas flaring at a record pace.

In 1997, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) worked with the Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA) to evaluate solution gas flaring with the goal of determining effective ways to reduce flaring. CASA is an independent, non-profit organization that includes environmental, government, industry and health representatives from across Alberta. By consensus, CASA stakeholders agreed to a voluntary approach with annual targets supported by regulatory requirements.

Between 1996 and 2001, province-wide flaring dropped by 53 per cent, more than double the reduction target.

Progress like this shows the value of CASA's consensus-based approach. Tom Marr-Laing, Director of the Energy Watch Program of the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development and a vice-president of CASA, calls it "reasoned debate involving a mutual interest in finding solutions by all sides."

He says, "A process like this is not quick, but the high level of commitment of everyone around the table makes success possible. As a result, tremendous progress has been achieved and Albertans should anticipate further reductions as industry turns its attention to the remaining flares."

FLARING REDUCTION SCHEDULE

(1996 Baseline)

Year	Reduction Target	Actual Reduction
1999	none established	30%
2000	15%	38%
2001	25%	53%

Source: Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

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Community Initiatives Program provides grant option to assist community groups

My constituency office has been fielding many questions regarding provincial grants available to community groups. In order to make my constituents aware of the existing lottery grants available to Albertans, I will be publishing a series of columns over the upcoming weeks with information on each of the grant programs.

This week I will start with the newest grant that was introduced earlier this year – the Community Initiatives Program (CIP). This new grant will distribute \$30 million each year for the next three years, to fund volunteer initiatives throughout Alberta.

The Community Initiatives Program is the largest of all the lottery-funded grant programs this year, and when this \$30 million is added to the \$75 million in funding for the

six other lottery-funded programs and founda-



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tions, a total of \$105 million will be spent on grant programs in 2002-2003.

I will be publishing information on the other lottery grant programs in the upcoming weeks include the Community Facility Enhancement Program; Wild Rose Foundation; Alberta Foundation for the Arts; Alberta Historical Resources Foundation; Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation; and the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund.

The CIP has been specifically designed to

support projects that originate within the community and reflect community priorities. The maximum grant limit is \$75,000 per project per year. However, since there are more valuable community groups than there is funding, smaller projects have a greater chance of being supported. All grant amounts over \$10,000 will require matching funds. The matching requirements may be met in the form of any contribution of money, volunteer labour, services, or donated materials or equipment for the project. Grants up to \$10,000 may be approved on a non-matching basis if the group has significant difficulties in raising matching funds.

Once the applications have been processed through the central office in St. Albert, I have set up a Community Advisory

Committee, with representation from all areas of the Lac La Biche-St. Paul constituency, to help provide the Gaming ministry with some further background information on each applicant.

Eligible grant applications under CIP generally include projects that used to be supported under the old Community Lottery Board grant program. CIP is intended to support project-based initiatives in the areas of community services,

recreation and sport, parks, libraries, education, children's services, arts and culture, health, social services, seniors' services and environmental protection. Although all grant applications are considered for funding, they are not guaranteed to be successful.

If your community group feels it has a project that may be eligible for a grant under the Community Initiatives Program, please feel free to contact my constituency office for more

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Anyone "khana" at these gymkhanas

By Josh Aldrich
St. Paul Journal Staff

For many people growing up in the country, gymkhanas were a weekly family tradition.

Although these horsemanship gatherings have been taking place in the area for years, Stoney Lake also started hosting its own gymkhana last year.

Every second week, people will gather at the Stoney Lake corral to participate in a plethora of horse events.

"It's not a money making thing," said organizer Ron Herald. "It's a community thing to get people out with their horses."

Some of the events include pole bending (where horses weave in between sets of poles and back), letter races (a relay races with an envelope) and stake races (where riders have to pick up four stakes and drop them in a barrel).

Quite often gymkhanas are an individual event, but not this one. This is purely a team event to ensure

everyone has a good time.

"We are trying to pair the better riders up with the kids," said Herald. "With an individual contest, if we had a really strong rider he could win all the jackpots and that would discourage some people from coming out."

There are currently anywhere from 25 to 30 people coming out every other Saturday to Stoney Lake. Herald would like to see this gymkhana grow large enough to one day take on other communities in a giant meet or tournament, all in the name of fun of course.

"It would be nice to eventually get gymkhana teams set up in say, Bonnyville. We could go up there one weekend and then turn around and come back here the next weekend."

This is a family event, suitable for all ages and degrees of riding ability stresses Herald.

"If you can get on a horse you can even be led around."

The next gymkhana goes Dec. 7 and costs are \$10 a person, for the first two people in the family and \$5 for every person after that.

Anti-smoking strategies for parents

What's the harm in teens "experimenting" with cigarettes? According to the "Mayo Clinic Guide to Self-Care," the younger a child begins smoking, the greater the chance that he or she will become a heavy smoker as an adult. In addition, medical researchers believe that teens who smoke are also believed to be more likely to experiment with marijuana and other illegal drugs.

Teen-agers start smoking earlier than many parents realize. Ten percent of current adult smokers began when they were between 9 and 10 years old, and half of teen-agers who start to smoke begin by age 14. The reality is that among high-school seniors who smoke from one to five cigarettes a day, 70 percent still will be smoking five years later.

Here are some strategies parents might try to prevent their children from smoking:

- Talk with your teen-agers. Ask whether their friends smoke. The risk of your child smoking is 13 times higher if his or her best friends smoke. Most teen-agers smoke their

first cigarette with a friend who already smokes.

- Learn what your teen thinks about smoking.

- Help your child explore personal feelings about peer pressures and smoking. Use nonjudgmental questions and rehearse with how he or she could handle tough situations.

- Encourage your teen-ager to enjoy peak performance, energy and health. The active lifestyles portrayed in many cigarette advertisements actually are more representative of nonsmokers.

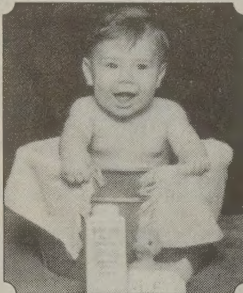
- Note the social repercussions. Smoking gives you bad breath, and makes your hair and clothes smell. And oftentimes, smokers get "labeled" by nonsmokers.

- Set a personal example of not smoking. If you currently smoke, one of the best reasons to stop is for the sake of your children.

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review SPORTS

This weekend was almost as good as it gets!

How about this? Almost as good as it gets! The Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Storm, Avalanche and Thunder all win. Even the Leafs win, on Saturday night. What could be better than this? If only the Eskimos had won the Grey Cup. That's why we say, it's only almost as good as it gets.

Atom Avalanche win Mannville tourney

Friday night, in Mannville, the Atom Avalanche continued to roll over the competition, playing in the Mannville tournament, they defeated Viking in a very tight game 4 to 3. Kameron Ballas with all four goals, including the winner with just five minutes left in the game. "Dirty Harry" Harrison Maas, Eric Kubinchak and Quillan Lowry assisting. Brendon Bishop made some big saves in the dying minutes. "Hang on Snoopy, Snoopy hang on"

Then on Saturday the Avalanche doubled up Lloydminster 8 to 4, Kameron Ballas, Mike Marianchuk, Brenden Bishop all with two each, Chad Nauss and

Eric Kubinchak with singles, Tanner Shankowski and Jordyn Wozniak assisting and Dylan Loughran looking sharp with the goaltending assignment



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Vinge. Beaudon Rogers helped out in the assists department.

This coming weekend all day Saturday the Tornadoes will be hosting their home tournament, come down and see these little guys in action.

Hurricanes win first home game

Grey Cup Sunday just before the kickoff the Avalanche was in the A final against Vermilion, winning 11 to 9. Mike Marianchuk leading the way with six goals, Kameron Ballas with two, and singles for "Dirty Harry" Harrison Maas, Quillan Lowry, and Chad Nauss.

Win for Micro Novice Tornadoes

The Micro Novice Tornadoes took to the ice early Saturday morning winning over Mannville 12 to 9. Logan Becker and Zachary Ference with a hat tricks, Louis Stanley and Vital Quinney with two each, Justin Leippi with a single, and scoring his first ever goal, and I'm sure his dad was grinning from ear to ear, Brayden

Teams in the N.H.L. have been known to whine about their road schedule, but how would like to have this brutal schedule? Over a month into the season, and the Novice Hurricanes played at home for the first time on Saturday, winning 16 to 14 over a previously undefeated team out of Marwayne. Seven goals and three assists, for #99, Brandon Rainey. Who was that other guy, #99, didn't he score a few goals too? Tori Becker, Tyson Moneta, Jamie Wozniak and Trevor Ballas with two each, and a single for Wyatt Dewan, Sheldon Jurak helping with two assists. Stopping some hard shots from the point with his toe saves, Andrew Jenner. Skyler Ewasiuk helping out the team's defense, with some heavy duty back checking



ELK POINT STORM faces off against Lloydminster as the visiting team strives to get on the scoreboard in the dying minutes of Saturday's game.

Storm shuts out Lloydminster

Ya, Baby!! Oh, how sweet it is, a 3 to 0 victory for the Midget Girls Storm on Saturday afternoon at home when they played against Lloydminster. Going to the top shelf with two goals, Eryl Anton Roberts, and also assisting on Catherine Campbell when she pounded in the other single. A big shut out for her big sister Kristin Campbell. Call them girls; they still play to win, some aggressive play on defense, by Tellia and Kyrie Loughran, Kyrie making two trips to the sin bin. Naughty, naughty!

Also not hurting the cause was the return to the lineup of the Ballas girls, Kristyn and Brittany. They had been on holidays for the last two weeks.

Week by week you can notice the improvement by the first year players, Elyse Anton Roberts looks like she's

going to a great digger... Roseanne Jurak, tough to move in front of the net... Sage Lowry, a winger who doesn't wander, just plays her position well... Kelsey Slywka, another aggressive forechecker... Amanda Marianchuk, with a great shot... and also Natalie Maas who missed the game with the flu, but showing improvement in her skating at the last game. And if you don't believe me, come out and see for yourself, the Storm play at home again next weekend, Saturday at 6p.m.

Thunder misses Grey Cup for a win

Grey Cup Sunday, everyone wanted to watch the Eskimos, but the Thunder was scheduled to play in Plamondon at 3p.m. So, what happened? This is what you call dedication and commitment; hockey comes first, the boys

winning 7 to 4. Jesse Kozicky and Nicky "the Sniper" Myshaniuk with two goals each, Kelly Calliou, Jason Kalynchuk and Scotty "the Tank" Dallaire getting singles.

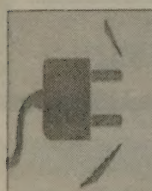
"The boys are back in town" this coming Friday - the Thunder will play against Glendon, 8p.m. in the Dome. There are lots of other things happening in town Friday night, with the Extravaganza, so why don't you drop in and watch some of the game?

And now it's time to play the K. A. Campbell trivia question. Name the first N.H.L. player to score 100 points in a season? Last weeks answer to: Who wore the Vancouver Canucks only retired jersey, number 12? You should know this one, from St. Paul Alberta, Stan Smyl

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Footprints ready for Friday's grand opening

Elk Point's newest businesswomen are celebrating their Grand Opening this weekend, in conjunction with Extravaganza.

Sisters-in-law Linda Hymanyk and Brenda Hymanyk took over Footprints Subs and Arcade on August 1, and are astonished to note that it's been "almost four months already!"



WELCOMING SMILES - Linda Hymanyk (left) and sister-in-law Brenda Hymanyk take a brief break from behind the Footprints counter to finalize their Grand Opening plans.

Time has sped by as the two redecorated, revamped the menu and made the popular eatery into "more of a family restaurant."

After giving the place a new country-style look with paint, border and decorative accessories, they added a non-smoking area to add to the comfort of their customers. A number of items created by local crafters are on display, and are for sale. Brenda says these special touches "help to decorate the area, as well as promoting the crafts to our customers."

Changes to the menu include a daily lunch special and a variety of yummy desserts, including homemade cheesecake, and are now faxing out their weekly lunch menus to local businesses. The ladies have inaugurated Friday supper specials, with their Ukrainian plate a special hit which "will be back by popular demand," and Sunday brunches featuring homemade waffles and pancakes with all the trimmings, served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. "for the after-church market."

"We're also trying to pick up on catering," Brenda says. "We can cater for groups up to 50 people, and are open to suggestions." Along with soups, sandwiches and desserts, they offer vegetable, meat and fruit trays and are "doing some Christmas parties" from their catering menu. "We can also do Christmas baking for you."

One section of the restaurant is available for bookings for breakfast or supper meetings.

For the youngest set, they offer birthday parties. "We supply the cake and the goodie bags, the birthday kid eats for free and there's free coffee for the

adults at the party." Footprints also has a kids' menu with just-right-sized portions of all their favorites.

For those at the other end of the age spectrum, "we've started a Seniors Coffee Club, and the seniors are invited to sit and relax and enjoy." Each senior "regular" has their own personalized coffee mug, and their coffee is 50¢ a cup with free refills. "It's been a lot of fun," the ladies say. "It's grown to three or four times its original size, and we really enjoy their company. Some of them even make a new pot of coffee when one runs out!"

Linda and Brenda have "an excellent staff of 10 full-time and part time workers lined up. They're all excellent. We couldn't ask for better." They also have had great support from the former owners, Sharon, Ron and Roger Smith of Home Town Grocers, and the Home Town staff. "We wouldn't have survived the first four months without them. They have been very helpful."

Owners and staff are looking forward to seeing everyone at their Grand Opening, and will be serving up free coffee and hot cider to shoppers. They will be offering very reasonable specials and door prize draws as part of their celebration.

New generation co-ops - an option for Alberta producers and processors

On April 2, 2002, the new Cooperatives Act quietly replaced Alberta's old Co-operatives Associations legislation. Ordinarily, this wouldn't be a big deal; statutes are rewritten all the time, but in the final pages of the new Act is a section that defines the new generation co-op as a legitimate business arrangement for agricultural ventures in the province of Alberta.

"New generation co-ops (NGC's) have played a major role in agricultural circles in the U.S.," says Ted Darling, business risk management specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Airdrie. "North Dakota is considered the birthplace of the NGC and in the 1990's about 80 co-ops were formed there and in neighboring Minnesota. Many of these are operating successfully and some of them have become household names, such as Dakota Growers Pasta, the North American Bison Co-op and U.S. Premium Beef."

Saskatchewan passed NGC legislation in 1999 and the University of Saskatchewan's Centre for the Study of Cooperatives has become a major resource for Canadian NGC development.

The reason there is such a sudden interest in NGC's is that a new generation co-op can be an

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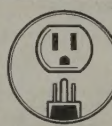
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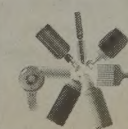
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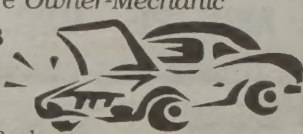
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Tips for simple family celebrations

The holidays are right around the corner. You know what that means — holiday stress, and lots of it, right? Some

people get so caught up in the rush of the holiday season that they forget to savor the unique meaning behind the

actual day or days. It's not all about receiving gifts and gorging on delicious treats, but rather about discovering new ways to exemplify the holiday spirit.

Here are some tips for a simpler, more meaningful holiday.

1. Slow down. Have a family meeting to plan what everyone wants to do. Mark decisions on a family calendar and limit yourself to these activities.

2. If you know a single parent, offer to take his or her children shopping, or to babysit while he or she shops.

3. Hold down spending. Add up all the things you plan to spend money on this season — from the total, subtract 20 percent and decide how to share it with someone who truly needs it.

4. Ask the oldest adults you know to tell what Christmas was like when they were young.

5. Count your blessings: make a list of all the joyous things that have happened to your family this year. Offer a prayer of thanks.

6. Make an audio tape to send to someone far away who would love to hear from you.

7. Instead of fighting the mall crowds, shop catalogues instead.

8. Draw names for gifts rather than giving a gift to everyone on your list. Give children one thing they really want instead of many gifts.

New generation

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excellent alternative for commodity producers who want to work together to move further along the value chain. Through an NGC, a primary producer can own a piece of the processing, wholesale, distribution and retail sectors, with the potential of earning a return on investment from each stage of the process. It's a way to participate in the value added industry and in some cases, successfully compete against some of the really big players.

"New generation co-ops combine some of the best characteristics of regular co-ops and corporations," adds Darling. "NGC's retain the basic co-op philosophy of 'one member, one vote' and a distribution of profits based on patronage. NGC's can issue shares that carry the right and obligation to deliver a specific amount of product to the co-op enterprise. These shares, called designated shares, generally require a significant investment on the part of the member. On the other hand, members delivering their product into the system can expect an annual return on their investment in the form of patronage premiums. In addition, NGC shares are tradable and redeemable, so members can get their equity out of the venture when they retire or decide to leave the industry. Unlike regular co-ops, NGC's can have restricted membership, so if a processing facility is operating at capacity, the only way to become involved might be to purchase or lease delivery shares from someone else."

Part of the new generation co-op movement's success in the U.S. is that times were tough in North Dakota in the

1990's, just as they are tough in western Canada right now. In tough times, people are more likely to work together and search for cooperative solutions. Another reason for cautious optimism is that the NGC model overcomes some of the inherent problems of regular co-ops, especially those relating to membership equity.

Finally, NGC's present some significant advantages when it comes to fundraising from members and from the community at large. While Alberta's Security Commission regulations are currently under review, it is expected that NGC's will qualify under one or more exemptions. This should allow NGC's to avoid some of the costs and time delays incurred by other business arrangements in raising investment capital.

"Producers and processors interested in researching the new generation co-op phenomenon will find that the Internet is a good place to start," says Darling. "Use your favorite search engine to find any of the companies and terms mentioned in this article, or try some of the links listed below. You never know: a new generation co-op might be in your future!"

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Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

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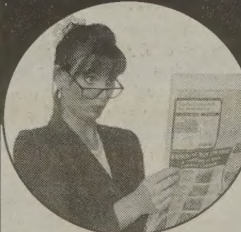
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Deadline near for FIAP applications

Farmers and ranchers have only until November 30, 2002 to apply for the 2002 Farm Income Assistance Program, says John Knapp, Director of Alberta Agriculture's Rural Services Division. "To date we received approximately 46,000 applications. We are anticipating about another 6,000 applications, which means almost one in eight producers has not yet applied," says Knapp.

The \$324 million Farm Income Assistance Program 2002 (FIAP 2002) was announced on July 17, 2002 by the Honourable Shirley McClellan, Deputy Premier and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. The program provides support to producers across Alberta who faced drought and other economic hardships in 2002. Payments include \$10 per acre on tame hay and tame pasture, \$7.15 per acre on cultivated annual crops and \$4 per acre on native forage. The program also provides payments of \$4.50 per hive for honey producers, \$100 per acre for perennial horticulture, and \$0.20 per square foot for greenhouse and mushroom production.

To date, more than 90 per cent of those who have applied have received a payment, with over \$215 million already paid out to farmers and ranchers across Alberta. "We're beginning to hear from machinery dealerships, vet clinics, feed-mills, bulk fuel and fertilizer dealers that their trade accounts are being paid down, so we know that this money is recirculating in rural Alberta," says Knapp.

Applications will need to be postmarked, or fax timed no later than midnight November 30, 2002 to be eligible for payment. Knapp adds that he doesn't anticipate any extension to the deadline, so he encourages producers to apply immediately.

Intake trials show interesting results

A recent trial conducted by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and the Alberta Cattle Commission concludes that feeding cows limited dry matter intake (DMI) rations may be an answer to help preserving Alberta's beef cattle herd.

The Kinsella Corn Grain and Limited Intake Trial concludes that feeding limited DMI rations to beef cattle can maintain body condition scores if protein, energy, mineral and vitamin requirements are met, and that corn grain is an effective energy source for beef cows. Using these conclusions, producers are encouraged to work with their nutritionist to develop a program suitable for their individual operations.

The trial saw 75 cows fed either a diet of corn and pellets with hay or straw, at 0.5 per cent or 0.75 per cent of body weight daily, or straw, hay and pellets as part of a control group. All cows were fed once daily in the morning, with a corn/pellet mix first, followed by the fibre component an hour later. The test lasted 56 days with the animals being weighed every two weeks and condition-scored every four weeks.

"We found no differences in body condition score among the different treatments during the trial," says Trevor Yurchak, beef specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Athabasca. "The control cows did gain more weight, but this was influenced by rumen fill. We narrowed this difference in weight gains from an average 99 lbs to 55 lbs by giving the animals in all groups full feed access for three days at the end of the trial."

Yurchak says the Kinsella trial supports feeding cows limited DMI rations. "Our recommended ration is one per cent of the cow's body weight in dry matter roughage. With superior management and facilities, this can be decreased to .75 per cent."

"Trial results indicate little difference between straw-fed and hay-fed animal," continues Yurchak. He believes producers should choose between hay and straw based on what is available and the price. "As well, the trial shows whole corn grain to be an effective energy source," he says. "However, if you're going to go with a corn or limited DMI ration, you have to carefully monitor the animals protein, energy and mineral levels. Magnesium levels in particular have to be monitored closely."

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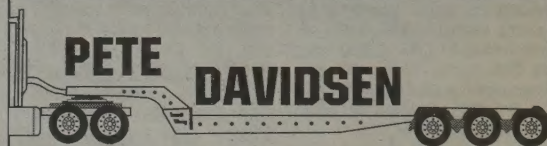
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